Remarks

Amendments to the specification:

The specification filed herewith has been amended at page 1, lines 3-5 to include a "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS", to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/202,161, filed July 24, 2002. The application filed herewith is a divisional application of application serial no. 10/202,161.

Claim to priority of earlier filed application:

Applicant hereby asserts a claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/202,161. The application filed herewith is a divisional application of application serial no. 10/202,161.

Cancellation of claims:

Claims 2-3 and 9-10 have been canceled as noted above because they are drawn toward a previously prosecuted species.

Amendments to claims:

Claims 1, 15-16, 18, and 20 have been amended as shown above. All amendments to the claims have been done in order to direct the respective amended claims toward a previously non-elected species. All of the amendments to the claims consist of deleting elements and/or limitations and/or adding elements and/or limitations from other original claims. That is, all of the amendments to the claims are supported by the original claims themselves. No new matter has been added.

New claims:

Newly written claims 21-24 are initially presented herein. Support for claims 21-24 is found in Fig. 5 of the drawings as well as in the written specification at page 19, line 8 through page 22, line 27.

Summary

The Applicant hereby requests timely and favorable action regarding the merits of claims 1, 4-8, and 11-24.

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